



**Fourth expert consultation and meeting on the development of the
Implementation Guide of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
18 – 21 June 2019**

**Provisional Information Note
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Organizers

The United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Section, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs as the secretariat for the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) in collaboration with the Department of Survey and Mapping, Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources Malaysia.

Introduction

The Committee of Experts at its eighth session in August 2018 adopted the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (E/2018/46, Decision 8/113) that provide a basis, a reference and a mechanism for Member States when establishing, strengthening or organizing their national and sub-national arrangements in geospatial information management and related infrastructures. The Framework aims to translate high-level concepts to practical implementation guidance for use by Member States and does this by leveraging seven (7) underpinning principles, eight (8) goals and nine (9) strategic pathways as a means for governments to establish more effective geospatial information management arrangements. The objective of the nine strategic pathways is to guide governments towards implementing integrated geospatial information arrangements in a way that will deliver a vision for sustainable social, environmental and economic development. The Implementation Guide provides guidance and recommends actions to be taken by governments to establish, strengthen or coordinate their geospatial information management arrangements nationally and sub-nationally.

The objective of the fourth expert consultation and meeting on the development of the Implementation Guide is to continue the consultation as well as to review, refine and ready the draft Implementation Guide for the consideration of the Committee of Experts at its ninth session this August. This consultative meeting is an activity under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Sub-fund of the United Nations Trust Fund for Peace and Development, and brings together a group of expert representatives and resource persons from Member States and related stakeholders, has three sub-events:

Within this consultative meeting is a one-day International Seminar on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management on 20 June 2019 to begin knowledge sharing and awareness raising for the Framework and its Implementation Guide, and the meeting of the Executive Board on the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP) on the morning of 21 June 2019.

Outline Programme

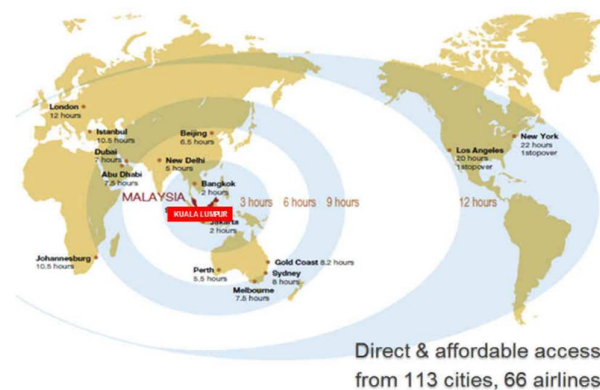
Tuesday 18 June 2019	08:00 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.	Arrival of invited participants and registration
	08:45 a.m. – 17: 00 p.m.	<p>Fourth expert consultation and meeting on the Development of the Implementation Guide – Day #1:</p> <p>Welcome and introductions;</p> <p>Setting the scene – objectives and structure of the consultative meeting, the Implementation Guide – the journey and progress to-date;</p> <p>The draft Implementation Guide and its ten component documents; and</p> <p>Interactive discussion including break-out activities on the content of the draft Implementation Guide.</p>
Wednesday 19 June 2019	08:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.	Arrival of invited participants
	08:45 a.m. – 17: 00 p.m.	<p>Fourth expert consultation and meeting on the Development of the Implementation Guide – Day #2:</p> <p>Interactive discussion including break-out activities on ensuring the desired balance necessary for varying national circumstances and developmental context;</p> <p>Interactive discussion on the Implementation Guide as an overarching guidance to establish, strengthen or organize arrangements in geospatial information management nationally; and</p> <p>Examples of national implementation approaches.</p>
Thursday 20 June 2019	08:00 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.	Arrival of invited participants and registration for the International Seminar
	08:45 a.m. – 17: 00 p.m.	<p>International Seminar on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management with the theme “Integrated Geospatial Information Framework” – Day #3:</p> <p>Joint official opening by the Minister of Water, Land and Natural Resources Malaysia;</p> <p>Keynote presentation “Towards evidence-based policies, decisions and programmes for the wellbeing of people, planet, peace and prosperity”; and</p> <p>Plenary presentations on leveraging the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework for “digital economy”, “smarter society” and “profession’s future”.</p>
Friday 21 June 2019	08:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.	Arrival of invited participants
	08:45 a.m. – 17:00 p.m.	<p>Fourth expert consultation and meeting on the Development of the Implementation Guide – Day #4:</p> <p>Consult with and seek guidance from the Executive Board of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP) at its meeting;</p> <p>Interactive discussion to consider way forward to finalize and ready the draft Implementation Guide for the ninth session of UN-GGIM; and</p> <p>Summarize results of the consultation, wrap up and close.</p>

Language

The fourth expert consultation and meeting will be conducted only in English. Interpretation services will not be provided.

Location

Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia, is like a melting pot of all the wonderful cultures that make up Asia. As the capital of Malaysia, it epitomises the nation's slogan "simply Asia". From art to history to food, one's senses are embraced by the city's dynamic surroundings. The city is a kaleidoscope of fascinating sights and sounds, with all the buzz of a modern city, yet rich in culture and heritage. You will find some stunning contrasts in this city, on one end of the spectrum there is the modern PETRONAS Twin Towers and there are numerous pre-war heritage buildings, which reflect Kuala Lumpur's rich past which blends nicely with the modern architecture. Today, 1.6 million people from all walks of life call Kuala Lumpur home while the surrounding area is home to an estimated 7 million people with diverse ethnic mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and indigenous cultures. English is widely spoken, and the city boasts a comprehensive transportation network that makes getting around hassle-free. Kuala Lumpur serve as a hub for cultural, financial, economic and education for the Southeast Asia Region. With massive investment in venues, transportation and technological infrastructure over the last two decades, Kuala Lumpur is fast becoming a popular destination for major events and conventions.



Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) is the main travel hub of Malaysia with direct flights from most Asian countries within 5 to 8 hours. Over 66 International airlines fly directly to KLIA connecting 113 major cities including Australia, the UK and the USA, making Malaysia easily accessible from anywhere in the world. Travelling time between KLIA and Kuala Lumpur is about 30 minutes on the KLIA Express Rail Link (ERL) or about an hour's drive (about 55 kilometres) via direct motorway link. Local transport

options include rail, monorail and taxi services at very affordable prices. Once in Kuala Lumpur, getting around is relatively easy!

Climate

Malaysia lies approximately 7° north of the Equator and consists of West and East Malaysia. West Malaysia is bordered by Thailand to the north, Singapore to the south, the South China Sea to the east, and the Straits of Malacca to the west. East Malaysia on the northern portion of the island of Borneo shares its southern border with Indonesia, its northern border with Brunei, and is cradled by the South China Sea to the west and north, and the Sulu Sea to the northeast.

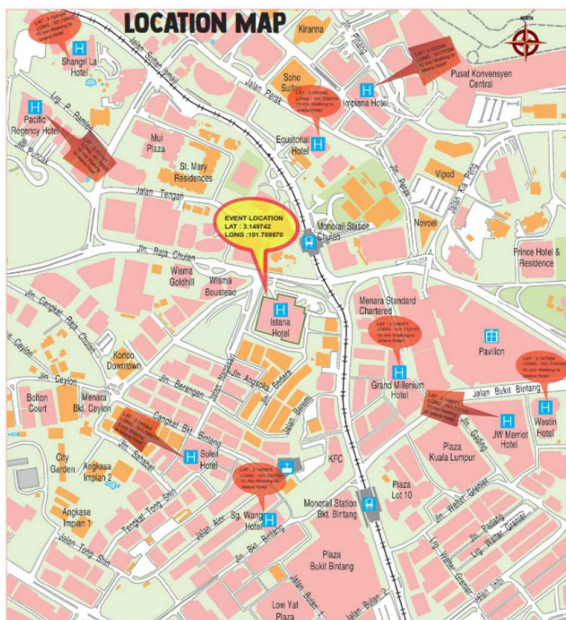
Malaysia is pampered with a warm tropical climate all year, with temperatures ranging between 70°F to 90°F and high humidity. The weather is influenced by the Northeast and the Southwest Monsoon. The period of May to September is usually the drier period. The east coast of West Malaysia and the states in East Malaysia normally have their rainy seasons between November and February.

Time

The standard time for Malaysia is 8 hours ahead of UTC.

Venue

The venue is the Hotel Istana. This five-star, 23-storey hotel is centrally located at Jalan Raja Chulan in Kuala Lumpur's prestigious Golden Triangle. Renowned shopping malls such as Pavilion, Lot 10, Starhill, Suria KLCC and Changkat Bukit Bintang entertainment hub are at its doorstep. Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) and the Petronas Towers are a 10-minute walk away via the Skybridge, while the KL International Airport is about an hour's drive away.



Malaysia Tourism Tax 2017

Kindly be informed that effective 1st September 2017, Tourism Tax of MYR 10 per room per night will come into effect as required by the Government of Malaysia. This tax is applicable to foreign guests only. Guest with valid Malaysian Identification Card (MyKad) or PR status of Malaysia are exempted from the tax.

Accommodation

Every participant is responsible for arranging one's own accommodation including booking and reservation. The local organizer has arranged an event rate with Hotel Istana (Deluxe Single: RM. 340.00 nett per room night with breakfast; Deluxe Double: RM. 380.00 nett per room night with breakfast for two; the Tourism Tax is not included). Please use the room reservation form (Appendix A). If you need further assistance with your room reservation under this event rate, please contact Mr. Azlim Khan Abdul Raof Khan of the Department of Survey and Mapping Malaysia (azlim@jupem.gov.my).

Hotel Istana

Add: 73, Jalan Raja Chulan,
50200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Tel: +60(3)-2141 9988
Tel: 1 800 88 3380 (Room Reservation Only)
Email: general@hotelistana.com.my
url: <https://www.hotelistana.com.my>





Hotel Istana has 486 well-appointed guestrooms and suites with complimentary Wifi (100 mbps) throughout the hotel premises, perfect for leisure and business travelers. Other facilities include a Grand Ballroom, 19 function rooms, 5 Food and Beverage outlets, Fitness Centre, Tennis Court, Swimming Pool, Sauna and Jacuzzi.

Other Hotels

There are several hotels within walking distance from Hotel Istana. Hotel booking sites offer some of the better deals. Click on the link below to view the booking page.

#Park Royal

#Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur



<https://www.panpacific.com/en/hotels-and-resorts/pr-kuala-lumpur.html>

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/kuala-lumpur/grand-millennium-hotel-kuala-lumpur/>

#The Westin Kuala Lumpur

#The JW Marriott Hotel Kuala Lumpur



<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/kulwi-the-westin-kuala-lumpur/>

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/kuldt-jw-marriott-hotel-kuala-lumpur/>

Transportation from Airport to Hotel

The Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) is the main gateway into the country and services over 66 international airlines. The city is situated about 55km from KLIA and several public transport options provide easy access to the city. Bus, taxi, and limousine service into Kuala Lumpur are widely available from both KLIA terminals (KLIA – Main and KLIA-2).

Kuala Lumpur's main transportation hub, KL Sentral, is approximately 30-minute journey away on the comfortable KLIA Ekspres, a high-speed rail service. From KL Sentral there are taxi services to most hotels in the city.

Visa requirements

Every person entering Malaysia must possess a valid Passport or valid internationally recognized Travel Document. The document shall be valid for six (6) or more months from the date of entry into Malaysia. Many nationals enjoy visa-free entry but visas may be required for some participants travelling to Malaysia and visa application must be made at any nearest Malaysian Representative Office abroad (please refer to <http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country.html>). These include holders of diplomatic and service passports as well as United Nations Laissez-Passer.

A visa is an endorsement in a passport or other recognized travel document indicating that the holder has applied for permission to enter Malaysia and that permission has been granted. Visa that has been granted is not absolute guarantee that the holder will be allowed to enter Malaysia. The final decision lies with the Immigration Officer at the entry point.

Any request for assistance in visa application including letter of invitation should be made well in advance (contact Mr. Azlim Khan Abdul Raof Khan, email: azlim@jupem.gov.my) as it may take more than a few weeks to process visa application particularly when the nearest Malaysian Representative Office is in another country.

Health Requirements

If you are coming from, or have recently travelled in, South and Central America or sub-Saharan Africa you must present a certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever upon arrival in Malaysia. The list of Yellow fever endemic countries will be regularly updated by Ministry of Health Malaysia based on WHO list. You may refer to the Ministry of Health Malaysia web-site for additional information <http://www.moh.gov.my/english.php/pages/view/620>

Personal Security and Safety

Personal security is an individual responsibility. Using common sense and staying alert can reduce risks. The best way to be safe is to avoid trouble at all cost, rather than having to extricate oneself later.

Electricity Supply

Malaysia's electric supply is on a 220-240 volts, 50 cycles system generally accessible via 13-amp, three pin (British) socket. Visitors from countries using different electricity voltage systems or socket type are advised to bring their converters and adapters

Water

Water in Kuala Lumpur is generally safe to be consumed from the tap, though boiling prior to consumption is highly advisable.

Currency

The Malaysian unit of currency is the Ringgit Malaysia (RM), which is divided into 100 sen. Currency comes in notes of RM1, RM5, RM10, RM 20, RM50 and RM100 denominations. Coins are issued in 5 sen, 10 sen, 20 sen, and 50 sen denominations.

Banking

Banking hours in Kuala Lumpur are generally between 09:30 a.m. to 16:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and are closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays. Some banks and their branches open on Saturdays. All commercial banks are authorized foreign exchange dealers. Major hotels, however, are generally licensed to buy or accept foreign currencies in the form of notes and travelers' checks. Licensed Money Changers can buy or sell foreign currencies in the form of notes.

ATMs are located at major bank branches, most shopping malls, airports, bus terminals, etc. ATMs in Malaysia usually require a 6-digit PIN.

Point of contact for Local logistical matters

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Useful links

To explore Malaysia:

<http://www.wonderfulmalaysia.com/kuala-lumpur-transportation.htm>

Malaysia visa requirement:

[Do I need a visa to visit Malaysia?](#)

Emergency & Useful Contacts:

https://www.marimari.com/content/malaysia/general_info/telephone.html